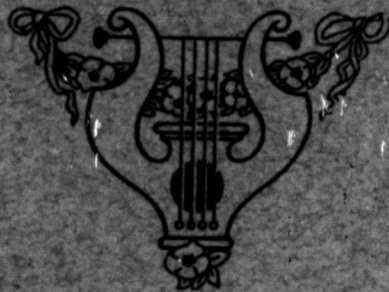


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PROCEEDINGS

Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association, met this with Hebron Church in its tenth annual session at 10 o'clock A. M., with its officers present, viz: A. H. Dale, Moderator, L. C. Burkett, Treasurer, and J. W. Burrow, Clerk.

After singing some songs of praise, prayer by Brother L. Low and by request of the moderator, Brother J. R. Carter conducted the devotional exercises, reading some verses from the 4th Chapter Thessalonians, prayer by Brother C. H. Mizell.

The moderator called the association to order and appointed the following Brethren as a committee on Finance, viz: H. Johnson, S. T. Hood and J. M. Fortenberry.

The letter from each church in the Association was called for and the clerk enrolled the names and the messengers present from the church as follows, viz:

ANTIOCH—N. L. McNease, Homer Polk, W. D. Turnage and W. J. Barnes.

BETHANY—J. O. Buckley, J. W. Burrow, J. J. Chance, Geo. S. Mikell, Rex Burrow and W. H. Stamps.

BASSFIELD—L. C. Burkett, P. C. Carter and J. P. Dear.

CARSON—A. G. Dyers, J. L. Nelson and Cleatus Worthy.

EBENEZER—N. F. Crawley, S. T. Hood, R. E. Sinclair, S. H. Shirus and A. B. Mikell.

HEBRON—S. L. Walker, A. H. Dale, I. N. Bush, W. C. Hutchins, J. H. Johnston, L. B. Bishop and J. A. Murray.

HEBZIBAH—O. C. Chance, J. M. Branton, J. L. Speights, J. H. Fortenberry and Zollie Daniel.

HATHORN—J. W. Stamp, Jno. B. Dale and Ollie H. Toler.

OAKGROVE—J. E. Mikell, B. M. Brady and J. O. Sutton, Jr.

PRENTISS—J. B. Quie, Jno. C. Polk, G. L. Martin, W. W. Lee and J. N. Sutton.

PHALTI—W. D. Griffith, H. D. Boothe and Charlie Parish.

SOCIETY HILL—J. M. Fortenberry, Voliny Langston, L. R. Upton, Fleet Parkman and J. A. Hutchinson.

VICTORY—J. P. Deen, H. E. Broom and Quit Russell.

WHITESAND—J. M. Bridges, L. A. Miller, C. V. Sutton, H. P. Bass, Ike Bass and J. P. Berry.

On motion, the rules of the association were suspended and the present officers re-elected by acclamation.

Received Correspondence as follows: Brother P. I. Lipsey, representing State Board; J. R. Carter, Orphanage; Owen Williams, District Enlistment Secretary.

Messengers present from other Associations: D. M. Lee, B. E. Phillips, C. H. Mize and J. J. Hedgepeth of Lawrence County Association; C. W. Black, N. J. Lee and J. P. Williams of Simpson County Association.

On motion the following was adopted: Resolved that any member of this association who is in good standing with his church is hereby authorized to represent this association in any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

On motion the following order of business was adopted for this session.

Order of Business Jefferson Davis County Baptist
Association, Old Hebron Baptist Church
Sept. 22-24, 1922

FRIDAY MORNING.

- 10:00 Association called to order. Devotional.
Calling for letters and seating Messengers.
Organization.
- 11:15 *As of* Final Sermon, J. O. Buckley.
Miscellaneous business.
General announcements.
Adjourn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

- 1:30 Association called to order—prayer.
Petitionary letters.
Correspondence received and arranged.
Appointment of committees.
- 2:15 Reading of report on Denominational Schools.
General Discussion.
- 3:00 Reading report on Ministerial Education.
General discussion.
- 3:40 Ministerial Relief and annuities.
General discussion.
Miscellaneous business.
Announcements.
Adjourn.

SATURDAY MORNING.

- 9:00 Association called to order—Devotional.
Laymen's Work.
W. M. U. Work.
Stewardship.
Religious Literature.
- 10:00 Missions.
State, Home and Foreign.
General discussion.
- 11:45 Miscellaneous business.
Announcements.
Adjourn.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

- 1:15 Association called to order—prayer.
Orphanage.
Hospitals.
Temperance.
Church Discipline.
General discussion.

3:45 Miscellaneous business.
 Announcements.
 Adjourn.

SUNDAY MORNING.

10:00 Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Mass Meeting.
 Reports on S. S. and B. Y. P. U.
11:00 Preaching.
 Final adjournment.
 Preaching in the afternoon if desired.

On motion, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock was made the special hour for the reading of the reports on Denominational Schools and Religious Literature.

The program of business presented by Brother J. B. Quin was referred to the following committee, J. P. Williams, J. L. Low and J. B. Quin, the committee reporting and recommending the adoption of the program of business, on motion the report was rejected.

On motion further business was suspended to listen to the preaching of the association sermon, the sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Buckley, using as a text 14th verse of the 24th chapter of Mathew. Prayer by brother J. P. Williams.

After announcements, on motion recessed until 1:30 P. M.

Benediction by Brother P. I. Lipsey.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service, prayer by Brother N. J. Lee.

The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

In the absence of reports on the following subjects, Brother J. R. Carter was appointed to write the report on Orphanage; G. L. Martin on Stewardship; J. P. Dear on Sunday Schools; J. B. Quin on Missions.

On motion, the moderator of this Association is hereby authorized to appoint such committees as he deems necessary.

The following brethren were appointed as a committee of Nominations, C. V. Sutton, S. L. Walker and J. W. Stamps

The Pastors and Deacons of this church were appointed as a committee on religious exercises.

Petitionary Letters called for: Brother I. S. Rayborn presented the letter of Dublin Church; H. L. McPhail presented the letter of Terrys Chapel, on motion the churches were received as a member of this association, messengers enrolled as follows.

Dublin: I. S. Rayborn and M. V. Yates

Terrys Chapel: H. L. McPhail

Brethren J. B. Quin and J. P. Dear were appointed as a committee on summary statistics.

Brother S. L. Walker read the report on Denominational Schools, L. C. Burkett read the report on Religious Literature, the reports were discussed by brethren I. N. Bush and P. I. Lipsey, on motion adopted as follows.

Brother Moderator:

Your Committee on denominational schools begs to submit the following: viz;

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Number of students enrolled session of 1921-1922, 372, number of graduates 45, number of teachers 19, number of Ministerial students 82, under the head of department of Christianity. Your Committee is pleased to note that special emphasis is placed on distinctive Baptist principals. Should not all of our denominational schools do that? Where else can it be taught?

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE.

The enrollment of last session was 286. They have a large and beautiful campus containing about 33 acres. Upon this campus are eight fine buildings, many shade trees, excellent drainage and grassy lawns. The water supply is abundant and pure. The sewerage is excellent and sanitary. They appreciate buildings and equipments but think that brains and books are more important than bricks.

MISSISSIPPI WOMANS COLLEGE.

The College owns eight splendid buildings well equipped for college purposes. A campus of about fifty acres, enclosed with an iron fence, and is adorned with shade trees, shrubs and flowers. A truck patch of about eight acres affords vegetables for the boarding department. Attendance last year was a little over 500. Health last year was excellent, not a single serious case of illness. As early as August 15th, all places were taken for the coming session.

CLARK MEMORIAL COLLEGE.

The enrollment last year was 123 of whom 65 were college students and 58 high school students. Ministerial students 37, graduates 16. On the faculty they have one lady and five men. Great improvements have been made on the buildings and equipments. They did not fill to their capacity last year. Can take care of from 150 to 200 in the dormitories, besides the married students and town students. They put in six days of work a week.

III. SOUTHWIDE INSTITUTIONS.

1. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Enrollment, 1921-22; men 416, women 269, total 685. 410 of the men were regular ministerial students. Number of Ministerial students from Mississippi 22. Ten of this number received aid from the loan fund.

Outlook for next session is bright. Provision will be made to take care of all students who come even if additional quarters have to be rented. Correspondence is invited with all young ministers who desire to pursue theological studies.

2. Baptist Bible Institute

Enrollment, 1921-22, 222, representing nineteen states and five foreign countries. Of this number 97 were women. There were in addition to these full time students 29 enrolled from ten states in the Mid-Winter school of four weeks.

Need at once homes for two teachers and largely increased accommodation for student's families. Dormitories are overflowing. Faculty is endeavoring to grow an institution, and not merely manufacture a scholastic organization.

3. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Enrollment 1921-22, women 390, men 406, total 796. In correspondence department 924. Eleven full professors and twenty-one full time teachers and six assistants. All Baptist. Cost to Baptist last year to give free tuition to students in this institution \$130,212. Seminary is now organized into departments as follows; Theological, Woman's Missionary Training, Missions, Religious, Education, Gospel Music and Extension and Correspondence. In these departments aim is to prepare church and Kingdom workers of all kinds for all

phases of denominational activity.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. BUSH.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee begs to report the following:

We know a people by the literature they read. When God said let there be light. He not only meant physical light by which we see things, but he meant intellectual light by which we discern right from wrong; and by which we influence the lives of other people.

How do we get our light? By reading good literature

We therefore recommend that the Baptist Record be placed in every home in our churches, and that it be read and studied. So that our people may know the great program of our denomination throughout the South. We commend our Baptist Book Store at Jackson, and ask our people to patronize it. We commend the Home and Foreign Field, Royal Service, B. Y. P. U. Manual, and the Sunday School Quarterlies and Orphanage Gem.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. BURKETT.

Brother J. B. Quin read the report on Ministerial Education, and was discussed by him and P. I. Lipsey, on motion the report was adopted as follows.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

There never was a time in the history of our churches when strong, intelligent, educated men were needed as at the present time. The world is full of evil, and evil influences that tend to break down our churches, and assail our faith on all sides. No one can successfully meet this so well as the well-prepared preacher with his knowledge of men and conditions.

In the days gone by men with insufficient training, and little, or no education could tell the story of Jesus, in a simple, forceful way and would achieve wonderful results. But that time has passed, and with it the untrained preacher will have to be relegated to the background.

This is an age of progress, and in the progressive march, the minister must be first. God's plan is that a minister must prepare himself for work in the Master's vineyard, and if we study the scrip-

ture one will find this to be so. Paul prepared himself to be a missionary. Moses was 40 years preparing to be a leader of the Israelites. Jesus spent 30 years of his life in preparation for 3 year's work. How much greater preparation we need!

Many men who have not much of this world's goods are called of God to preach the Gospel. They are not financially able to prepare themselves without outside help. Can they get this help? It is our business to see that they do get it. If we pay our pledges to the 75 Million Campaign, the ministerial board will be more able to help these men of God. And if we see that every member in our church gives something to this fund, it will substantially increase the amount that the board can use for this purpose.

Where can the ministers get this training? At our own beloved Mississippi College, where cottages are built for the ministers, and where everything that can be done with the limited means we have is done for them. More cottages must be built to accommodate the ever growing army of young ministers. Some who have no families rent rooms, and do their own washing, ironing, cooking, etc., so that they may prepare themselves for greater usefulness.

We also have Clark Memorial College, a junior college which offers exceptional advantages. We find a large number of young men in this Junior College working with a will to support their families and to obtain the necessary education.

Mississippi also has about 200 ministers in our seminaries. (one at Louisville, Ky., and the other at Ft. Worth, Texas,) and the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans.

Over half of these receive financial aid. How necessary then that we give of our abundance to help these deserving ones. If we as Baptists are to hold our own we "must be up and doing."

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. WORTHY.

Brother J. P. Williams read the report on Religious Exercises, on motion adopted as follows:

The committee on Religious Exercises submit the following:

Bro. C. W. Black conducted the mass meeting at 10 o'clock a. m.

Bro. J. R. Carter preached at 11 o'clock a. m.

Bro. B. E. Phillips preached at 2 o'clock p. m.

Pastor and Deacons.

After announcements, on motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother B. E. Phillips.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional song service, and by request Brother J. B. Quin conducted the devotional exercises, reading for the morning lesson some verses from the 4th Chapter Luke. Prayer by Brother J. B. Quin.

The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Miss Edith Bush read the report on Woman's Work; J. B. Quin read the report on Missions; J. P. Williams read the report on Laymen's Work; J. H. Fortenberry read the report on Ministerial Relief, these reports were discussed by Brethren J. H. Fortenberry, J. O. Buckley, L. C. Burkett, J. P. Williams, J. L. Low and J. B. Quin, on motion the reports were adopted as follows:

MISSIONS.

In its broadest sense the word Missions covers the whole catalogue of christian activity, from the work of calling sinners to repentance to that of calling christians to every phase of devine service and training them for it. But in this report we are going to speak of State Missions-Mission Work in Mississippi. Home Missions-Mission Work in the South, Cuba and Panama. Foreign Missions-Mission Work abroad on foreign fields.

1 State Missions.

Our state Mission work is divided for conveniency and efficiency into several departments. (1) Sunday School work under the leadership of Bro. J. E. Byrd. (2) W. M. U. under Miss Margaret Lackey. (3) B. Y. P. U. work under Brother A. J. Wilds. (4) Enlistment work under our 6 district enlistment secretaries, Bros. T. W. Green, Owen Williams, J. R. G. Hewlett, R. A. Kimbrough, A. L. O'Brian and H. T. McClaren. (5) Publication work under Dr. P. I. Lipsey. (6) Church extension work. Our State Mission work has made good progress during the year. The finances have not been as good as last year, but the work has made great strides forward, and we have great reasons for praising God and moving to greater things.

2. Home Missions.

The work which the Home Mission Board is doing consists of cooperative Missions Enlistments, Evangelism, Mountain Schools,

Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Cuba and Panama, Soldiers and Seamen, Publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium and Church Extension.

The department of enlistment and evangelism have recently been placed under the same superintendent, Dr. O. E. Bryan, and the work of the two departments has been more closely co-ordinated.

The work of the Home Board was very greatly enlarged at the beginning of the 75,000,000 campaign, and because of very heavy decrease in cash receipts during the past year, a heavy indebtedness has been incurred. But by reducing appropriations and retrenching the work wherever possible and with the increase in receipts this indebtedness is being gradually reduced.

There were last year a total of 1,188 missionaries who supplied 3,131 churches and missions under the direction of the Home Board. These workers delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses, made 236,922 religious visits, baptised 56,164 converts, received 83,994 additions to the churches, organized 305 churches, built and improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday Schools, distributed millions of pages of tracts and thousands of copies of the scriptures.

3. Foreign Missions.

Southern Baptist are now working in sixteen countries of the world, comprising a population of 900,000,000, one-fourth of the world's population, or a population 20 times as large as the population in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. The countries in which we are now laboring are, China, Japan, Hungary, Roumania, Jugo-Slavia, the Ukraine, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Mexico, Italy, Spain, the Ukraine, that portion of Southern Russia lying East of Ukraine, Syria and Palestine.

During the past year Dr. Evereet Gill has been made superintendent of our work in Europe and Dr. H. E. Porter appointed our first missionary to Russia. Two native workers have been doing faithful service in Syria and Palestine and our Foreign Mission Board has appointed two young men for these two fields. Our work in these sections is prospering.

There are now 622 churches in the foreign fields with a membership of 64,251. There are 206 of these churches which are self supporting and 375 of them own their own houses of worship. They gave an average of \$7.24 per member last year. There are 694 schools 26,507 students. There are 971 Sunday Schools with 53,691 scholars. There were 7,891 baptisms during the year. The year before Southern Baptists gave \$2,498,381 and last year they gave only \$1,755,678 making a drop in receipts of \$742,703.

75,000,000 Campaign.

We present the following facts concerning the progress of the 75,000,000 Campaign up to May the first 1922: Amount pledged by Mississippi, \$4,209,585. Amount paid first year \$862,196, second year

\$535,273, third year \$427,182.58, total \$1,824,651.58. Amount paid by all the South, \$35,164,309.77.

We would urge that contributions to this fund be made regularly by all the churches and that the treasurers forward the amounts monthly to Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson.

We call special attention to the Re-enforcement Campaign which will be put on in all associations this fall, when an effort will be made (1) to enlist all members who did not subscribe to the 75,000,000 Campaign at the beginning and all new members who have since come into our churches; (2) to collect all pledges due and to solicit cash contributions from all who have made no pledges; and (3) to enroll as many titheers as possible in all our churches.

This is certainly our solemn obligation to maintain and advance what we have so nobly begun.

Unparalleled opportunities face our people with unmatched doctrines and resources. What shall we do? Go backward? or, go forward?

J. B. QUIN.

LAYMEN'S WORK

Our Laymen have taken more active part in Kingdom Work than any year in their history. The obligations before us are of commanding importance and we shall need that our Laymen take a large place in the Supplementary Campaign this fall. A Layman has been selected as Publicity Director who will plan to use every capable layman for a general speaking campaign among the churches.

A great number of men have been enlisted as titheers, but we want the full thirty thousand. Our laymen may perform great service here.

Our laymen need to study the subject of Stewardship in classes and individually using the Bible first as in all things and also other good books.

Organized Bible Classes have performed wonderful service in sending out Mission Bands to inspire weaker churches.

It is recommended that our laymen use suggestions herein made, and seek to give out in every way so that they may be the largest blessing.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

There is probably no more important subject that claims the attention of the Baptist Denominational more than the aged dis-

abled ministers and their families. "These men and women were faithful to God and his Cause, in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in our state, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years." The railroads and other different worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. If the worldly institutions feel under obligation to care for their old employees, we as a Baptist Denomination should not only strive to emulate their example, but should furnish these old heroes of our faith the support they so richly deserve.

There are forty-four men and women in Mississippi who are receiving financial help from the Board. From the report of the Annuity Board we see that Mississippi is receiving from the relief fund more than we are giving to that fund, based on the past year's receipts. "This means that the Board will have to make an appropriation from its reserve to care for our beneficiaries at the present rate unless we increase our gifts."

On the account of the financial depression and the falling off of collections, the amount being paid to our beneficiaries had to be reduced on an average of twenty per cent. At the present rate of payment it would require about \$5,000 per year to care for the present number if no other applications were approved. We see from the report of the committee who has this matter in charge, that no new application for help is endorsed except cases of absolute and pressing need. We know this is a heart-breaking task to have to turn down calls of the dear old brethren for help when funds for their relief are so meager. "This need alone should lead every loyal Baptist to pay every cent due on his pledge of the 75 Million Campaign. Only as these pledges are paid can this appealing cause be supported.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FORTENBERRY.

After announcements, on motion adjourned until 1.15 P.
M. Prayer by Brother J. L. Low.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service, prayer by Brother C. H. Mize.

The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Brother S. L. Walker read the report on Nominations, on motion the report was amended to strike out the name of A. H. Dale and insert the name of Brother S. L. Walker and J. B. Quin as alternate, on motion the report was adopted as amended.

We your committee on nominations submit the following report:

Missions, Bro. J. L. Lowe; Religious Literature, W. W. Lee; Denominational Schools, D. D. Fortenberry; Ministerial Relief, H. M. Boothe; Hospitals, Ollie Toler; Womans Work, Mrs. J. T. Magee; BYPU Work, W. K. Boss; Sunday School Work, Lee Hutchins; Orphanage, Henry Fortenberry; Church Discipline, W. H. Cezzard; Laymen's Work, Bro. N. J. Lee; Ministerial Education, J. E. Mikel; Temperance and Social Evils, Bro. J. P. Williams; Stewardship, J. O. Buckley.

We recommend that this Association meet with Hepsaby Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1923.

We further recommend that Bro. J. B. Quin preach the Associational Sermon.

We commend to you as our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, Brother A. H. Dale, and further recommend that he visit all churches in this Association and make a report. We also recommend that we defray his expenses.

We recommend that the executive officers of this association be re-appointed, namely, A. H. Dale, Moderator, J. W. Burrow, Clerk, L. C. Burkett Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. WALKER,

J. W. STAMP,

C. V. SUTTON,

Committee.

Brother J. P. Dear read the report on summary statistics, on motion the report was adopted as read.

Your committee begs to submit the following report:

There are now a total of 22 organizations of Woman's Missionary Societies and Auxiliaries fostered by them in the local Baptist Churches of the W. M. U. of the Jefferson Davis Association, with Mrs. Ada C. Magee as Superintendent. These organizations are as follows: 14 W. M. S. and 8 auxiliaries. During the year 2 auxiliaries were organized among the young people.

The W. M. U. responded to some phases of activity sponsored by the W. M. U. of the South, as the report indicated a total of 2 Mission Study Classes taught during the year, while 2 local societies participated in the January week of prayer in behalf of world-wide

missions, and I had part in observing the week of prayer in March in behalf of Home Missions. A total of 60 tithers were enrolled during the year.

The women contributed the following amounts: 75 Million Campaign, \$1,621.57; Home Uses, \$887.82; Scholarship Fund, \$25.00; Personal Service, \$150.00.

The auxiliaries contributed as follows: Sunbeams, \$16.50; R. A.'s, \$18.00; G. A.'s, \$5.00.

One of the most vital works of the W. M. U. is the Personal Service Department, which gives out religious literature, Bibles Christian Visits, garments given to the needy, baskets of food to the poor, flowers for the sick, etc. And the greatest work of this department which is given to women is that of winning the lost to Christ, and leading the saved to surrender self for the glory of God.

EDITH BUSH.

On motion, Brother J. B. Quin was elected as a member of the State Board of this Association.

Brother J. O. Buckley read the report on Social Service; S. T. Hood read the report on Church Discipline, these reports were discussed by Brethern J. L. Low, J. R. Carter and C. H. Mize. Pending the adoption of these reports, on motion J. B. Quin, C. V. Sutton and J. O. Buckley were appointed as a committee to inform the Judge and Sheriff of this County, that this Association pledges them their hearty co-operation in the enforcement of law and order. On motion the reports were adopted as follows:

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Discipline, is of two kinds, Formative and Corrective.

Formative discipline is that mild and Christ-like kind as mentioned in such scriptures, "ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." It looks after the developing and training of the members of the church, especially the young members, who may be thoughtless and weak. The stronger members can help them by their good council, by their sympathy, and by their examples. We may save the useful life of some of our members by this method which otherwise might be lost. We are first babes in Christ and need to and must grow. And this can and will be done better with the proper environments in the church.

But sometimes this method fails and we have to resort to the

next method based on Paul's words, "withdraw from every brother who walks out of order."

If we cannot save them for the church, then for their good and for the churches good we have to separate ourselves from them. But this is the last thing to do, but if it need be, we are guilty before God if we carry such members in our churches.

Respectfully,

S. T. HOOD.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

1. Social Service in General.

The personal ministry of Jesus was three-fold, preaching, teaching and healing; yet it was one ministry. We are told that "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manners of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people."

The program of Jesus is our program. This three-fold ministry is our task. We are to preach, we are to teach, we are to heal. While we do the one, we must not neglect the other. While we do each, we must realize that it is all one ministry, one common task.

In order that we may fully consider each phase of this threefold ministry, we have outlined our work in Mississippi under three heads, Missions, Education and Social Service.

Under the head of Social Service fall all agencies that seek to deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease, and everything that concerns Society as a whole.

We as Christian Citizens are to deal with these problems: (1) through preventive measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measures, prisons, asylums, reformatories; and (3) through relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, good will centers, care of old preachers, etc.

The preventive and corrective measures are being undertaken in a great way by our government and by many civic and benevolent organizations. These agencies deal also in some degree with relief measures. But it is with the latter phase of social service, that of relieving the suffering and needy, that our churches and our denomination have sought to deal more directly. However, we must not forget that all agencies seeking to deal with any phase of this great problem must have the active co-operation of the churches if they are to succeed.

In viewing the subject of social service as a whole, your committee would make the following recommendations:

(1) That our Association consider the ministry of Social Service as co-equal with Missions and Education.

(2) That a standing committee on Social Service be created by the association whose duty it shall be to study the whole subject falling under this head, to assist the churches in social service work, and to prepare the report on social service for the next annual meeting of the association.

(3) That our own social service institutions, the orphanage at Jackson, the hospitals at Jackson and Memphis, the Good Will Center at Meridian and the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuity of Dallas, Texas, be given a higher place in the interest, prayers and co-operation of our people. Let the report from these institutions as given below be carefully considered and let their requests and suggestions be heeded by our people.

(4) That our people be urged to give sympathetic interest and co-operation to such existing agencies as the State Board of Health, the Anti-Saloon League, the Federal Prohibition Officials and the Mississippi Children's Home Finding Society, in the great work they are undertaking to accomplish in our midst.

(5) That our churches be asked to address themselves in heroic fashion to the social needs in their own communities. If a community is dirty and slovenly with disease lurking at every turn, with immorality and crime winked at or permitted, it is impossible in that atmosphere to develop pure, noble, Christ-like lives. Down at the root of our dangers lies the drink evil. Let every community purge itself of every form of this deadly, soul-destroying traffic.

(6) That the association through its social service committee present to the churches the nature and needs of social service work and urge them to take up this work in prompt, complete, and aggressive fashion, and to inform them that the State Convention Board will furnish information on request to the churches seeking suggestions along this line.

2. STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS.

1. Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, J. R. Carter, Supt.

The Baptist Orphanage which was established twenty-five years ago has cared for more than one thousand children, many of whom are now filling positions of usefulness in our state and other states. We now have in the home one hundred and eighty children, all of whom are in good health, and are being trained in many of the arts and avocations preparatory to a useful life; special attention being given to their mental, moral and religious training.

This home is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Our people have been loyal in their support of our orphan children in the years past. They are now receiving their support through the 75 Million Fund, their pro-rata of which is just sufficient to meet their actual expenses if all pledges are paid. We urge our churches and Sunday Schools to pay up their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign so that our children may have their living. We would also urge that our people continue their donations of clothing, dry goods, groceries and supplies of all kinds which help very materially in their support. We would also urge that our churches and people generally join with the forces that are now seeking to improve the sanitary, health and moral conditions throughout our state, and in so doing prevent the necessity of breaking up many homes, and separating children from their mothers.

2 Mississippi Baptist Hospital, R. S. Curry, Supt.

In 1910 the Baptist Hospital began operations in an old wooden structure with less than ten beds. In 1912, by heroic effort the Board of Trustees erected a brick structure with thirty-five beds, they found that this was not a sufficient number of beds to meet the growing demands. In 1921 the present magnificent building was completed giving us about seventy-five beds, and with three side closed porches and two on the front at least fifty more patients could be cared for in an emergency. The hospital is enjoying a larger patronage than ever before and its popularity is increasing in proportion to the number of patients cared for.

The Hospital has an up to date X-ray outfit, a well equipped Laboratory and a complete Maternity Department, which would do credit to a large city hospital.

All reputable physicians and surgeons are allowed and invited to bring their patients to the Baptist Hospital. We have one of the best Nurses Training Schools in the State, with twenty-two student nurses now in training. Young ladies from nineteen to thirty years of age with high school education and of good moral character are invited to write us if they desire to train for a splendid profession which affords a large field of service.

Our surgical and medical staff is composed of the best men of the profession.

The Hospital is under obligation to the W. M. U's. and other church and Sunday School organizations for the splendid boxes of useful linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc., sent us in the past and it is hoped that this will continue.

The Hospital is doing a large amount of charity work; but we must ask our friends to always communicate with the superintendent before sending charity patients as the number of charity patients cared for must necessarily be in proportion to the pay patients in the hospital. The Baptist Hospital is not a money making institution, but our purpose is to use every dollar we take in from pay

patients above expenses, for those who are not able to pay for hospital care. So by this plan the money of the pay patient above the amount needed to maintain the hospital goes toward caring for the poor sick who cannot care for themselves. As far as we know the Baptist Hospital is the only hospital in the state, except the Methodist Hospital at Hattiesburg, which does this.

3. Baptist Memorial Hospital, W. R. Bethea, Supt.

The notable features of our work for the first six months of 1922 are:

The completion and occupation of the Hughla Dockery Memorial Home for nurses; the enlargement of the equipment of the children's department, third floor, with scientific diet kitchen and two ward rooms for crippled children; and the opening of the electro-therapy department on the first floor.

Patients admitted out number any previous six months, reaching a total of 4,168. Tennessee sent 2,747 of these, Mississippi 778, Arkansas 517, and other state 125. There were 512 treated free in the wards, 330 coming from Tennessee, 74 from Mississippi, 75 from Arkansas and 33 from other states.

The X-ray department handled 1,041 patients for diagnosis and 102 for treatment ministering to these patients 1,928 times in the six months. The laboratory made 6,410 examinations for diagnosis.

Financially the hospital has made large increase in receipts, as well as in service rendered. The six months business amounted to \$329,621.38. Of this \$35,089.36 was in charity, \$4,800.37 complimentary service for pastors, \$989.85 doctor's discount, and \$1,438.27 in other discounts and allowances.

The Woman's Auxiliary, formerly known as the Linen Band is still carrying on in a vigorous and helpful way.

The hospital pastor, Rev. M. D. Jeffries, is well into his fifth year of service.

4. Good Will Center, Willie Mae McLellan, Supt.

One of the active exponents of Social Service, in the state is the Good Will Center located at Meridian.

This "Center" is well named in that it is centrally located in a District surrounded by mill and factory people. A very splendid building suitable for the purpose and well fitted out is presided over by a Manager who has been well trained for this work. Commodious and comfortable class rooms are open all day and far into the evening for clubs of every helpful variety; Mothers Clubs, Young

Women's Clubs, Young Men's Clubs, Clubs for boys and girls and even for little children are well organized and definite plans for teaching are systematically carried out. A day nursery provides for little children of mothers who must work throughout the day. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are never neglected. All phases of religious work are looked after.

The Center proves a God-send for the sick, the afflicted and the poverty stricken.

The Good Will Center is indeed a worth-while exponent of Social Service. Hence the suggestion is here made that our Social Service Committee, when such shall be appointed, will take note of this fact and investigate the needs of such an institution within the bounds of our association.

After announcements, on motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Prayer by J. O. Buckley.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional song service, prayer by Brother S. L. Walker.

The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Brother J. M. Fortenberry read the report on Finance, on motion adopted as follows:

Your committee on finance would submit the following; that we have received from the churches of this association \$88.72 for associational funds, and \$35.00 for missions and received on special collection for the W. M. U. \$25.00. Total \$148.72.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HOOD, Chairman Com.

Brother L. C. Burkett read the treasurer's report, on motion adopted.

Brother C. V. Dodds read the report on the B. Y. P. U., L. C. Burkett read the report on Sunday Schools, these reports were discussed by Brethern C. W. Black, C. V. Dodds and J. P. Williams, on motion adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The last report made to this association, (the report one year ago) revealed some information of great interest to Sunday School workers.

By reading the report referred to, we see what was accomplished in the way of training a large number of our people for service in Sunday School work.

It is gratifying to know about the work done in the way of getting those who are interested in Sunday School work to take up the course of study provided for this purpose. When we look over the summary of the work for the past year and see the number of diplomas given, the number of seals, Red, Blue and Gold given, our thoughts lead us out to Bro. J. E. Byrd, our faithful and efficient, S. S. Secretary who is giving of his very best in the interest of our Sunday School Work.

We heartily and earnestly recommend the agencies employed in advancing the Sunday School work; we refer to the County Normals, Summer Assemblies, State Conventions, etc., We urge that every Sunday School in the Association sees to it that the County Normal is taken advantage of, that they are represented at the Summer Assemblies, and the State Convention.

Now, while we have made progress and have much to be thankful for, we are a long way from the goal yet.

We are conscientious in the belief that the Sunday School is one of the most valuable agencies in maintaining a good live church.

We are sometimes made to feel very sad when we think of the great number of people that are not in Sunday School, especially the elderly people.

We therefore recommend that a vigorous campaign be made in each church for the enlistment of every person who is not attending Sunday School.

Committee.

J. P. DEER.

On motion, the treasurer of this Association is hereby authorized and directed to pay to our State Secretary all funds that may be in possession after paying all expenses of this Association.

On motion, the treasurer of this Association be, and he is

hereby directed to pay to our State Secretary all funds in his possession belonging to the various institutions fostered by our State Baptist Convention.

On motion, the treasurer of this Association be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the clerk of this Association the sum of twenty-five dollars for his services rendered during this session.

On motion, resolved that the thanks of this Association be and they are hereby tendered the members of this church, and to the people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Hebzibah Church, of Lawrence County, four (4) miles East of Arm, and ten miles Southwest of Prentiss, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Closing prayer by J. O. Buckley.

A. H. DALE, Moderator,
J. W. BURROW, Clerk.

Financial Report and Statistics

	Baptized	Total Worship	Pastor's Salary	75 M. C.	Total Expenses	S. S.	Woman's Work	B. Y. P. U.
Antioch	5	129	\$ 250 00	\$ 183 50	\$ 491 53	1	1	
Bassfield	10	179	480 00	517 50	1494 87	1	1	1
Bethany	6	202	300 00	552 48	949 61	1	1	
Carson	3	143	300 00	56 20	418 28	1	1	1
Ebenezer	17	205	300 00	139 00	569 40	1	1	1
Hathorn	26	141	200 00	122 00	405 97	1		
Hebron	4	260	400 00	867 00	1514 25	1	1	
Hebzebah	13	252	275 00	91 50	580 03	1		
Oak Grove	8	110	200 00	131 05	376 17	1	1	
Phalti	16	147	300 00	361 35	779 40	1	1	1
Prentiss	8	215	1200 00	2272 40	3835 20	1	1	1
Society Hill	19	162	300 00	269 50	626 60	1	1	
Victory	8	132	150 00		228 50	1	1	1
White Sand	8	221	300 00	540 75	1264 92	1	1	1
Doublin		84	208 50	40 00	298 25	1		
Terry's Chapel	8	30	100 00	5 00	121 50	1		
TOTALS	159	2612	\$5263 50	\$6049 23	\$13954 48	16	12	6

Church Directory

Name of Church	Pastor and Address	Church Treasurer	75 Million Treasurer	S. S. Supt.	Pres. W. M. S.
Antioch	B. E. Berry, Prentiss	P. M. Polk	J. E. Jackson	W. J. Barnes	Mrs. W. D. Teernoye
Bassfield	J. L. Lowe, Bassfield	L. C. Burkett	J. P. Dear	J. P. Dear	Mrs. Alice Bass
Bethany	J. O. Buckley, Prentiss	Otho Fortenberry	Byron Mickell	Cassie Price	Mrs. Clara Burrow
Carson	J. B. Quin, Carson	A. E. Nelson	A. G. Nelson	H. A. Carter	Miss Mary Izard
Dublin	J. W. Franklin, Carson	Guy Lofton	Guy Lofton	Olif Rayborne	Mrs. Florence McNeese
Ebenezer	J. B. Polk, Bassfield	F. A. Hathorn	L. B. Thompson	S. T. Hood	Mrs. R. L. Betha
Hathorn	E. J. Sullivan, Hathorn	W. R. Dale	W. R. Dale	Allie H. Tolar	Miss Marvin Brady
Hebzebah	J. P. Williams, New Hebron	Lee Hutchins	W. C. Hutchens	Lee Hutchins	Mrs. J. B. Quin
Oak Grove	J. O. Buckley, Arn	Zallie R. Daniel	Zallie R. Daniel	J. B. Speights	Robertia Parish
Prentiss	C. W. Black, Silver Creek	J. O. Sutton, Jr.	J. E. Mikell	Lafayette Magee	Mrs. Delia Williamson
Phalti	J. B. Quin, Prentiss	J. T. Magee	Fred Dale	C. E. Thompson	Mrs. S. L. Salters
Society Hill	N. J. Lee, Mt. Olive	W. H. Thompson	W. H. Thompson	W. D. Griffith	Mrs. R. B. Dale
Terry's Chapel	J. O. Buckley, Oakvale	J. M. Fortenberry	D. D. Fortenberry	George Langston	
Victory	J. J. Hedgepeth, Goss	Terry Smith	J. L. Dewitt	Ferry Smith	
Whitesand	N. J. Lee, Bassfield	H. B. Coulter	J. E. Coulter	C. B. Dodd	
		John Stamps			



